

**ABSTRACT**

A tension mask frame assembly for a color cathode ray tube, including: a tension mask having a plurality of strips on which slots are formed being separated a predetermined distance from each other on a thin plate, real bridges for partitioning slots at a predetermined pitch interval by connecting adjacent ones of a plurality of strips to each other; and a frame which supports the corresponding edges of the tension mask, whereby the vertical pitch of the real bridges becomes smaller, such as in a stepwise relation, in a direction from the center portion of the tension mask to the peripheral portion of the tension mask.